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Opportunity for aspiring athletes to test their talent

Athletes aged 12 to 25 years are invited to attend a testing session to find out if they have what it takes to become an elite athlete.

As part of the National Talent Identification and Development program (NTID), the Australian Sports Commission and the University of Tasmania will hold a testing session on Wednesday 29 September at the Newnham campus.

Testing supervisor Dr James Fell said the program is designed to identify talented athletes and help prepare successful athletes for domestic, national and international competition.

“High quality coaching and training will be provided to help realise athletes’ potential,” he said.

“At the testing sessions athletes will be tested on standing height, sitting height, body mass, arm span, bench pull, vertical jump, 40m sprint and 20m shuttle run.

“For some athletes it could be a great opportunity; nine NTID athletes were chosen as part of the 2008 Beijing Olympic team and another 89 were selected on national teams in the last year.”

Currently 497 athletes are being supported by NTID scholarships.

Aspiring athletes **must first register and pay online** at www.ausport.gov.au/eTID, select the green button “Book TAC Testing Now” and enter their details.

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO PREVIEW THE TESTING SESSION ON TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AT 11AM IN THE HUMAN MOVEMENT GYM, UTAS NEWNHAM CAMPUS.

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